

SENATE BILL 7007

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AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009, and July 1, 2010, in the administration, operation and maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2009, and July 1, 2010.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated a sum sufficient to the general assembly for the sole purpose of payment of any lawful expenses, including but not limited to staffing, per diem, travel and other expenses, of the first extraordinary session of the one hundred sixth general assembly. All expenses for the general assembly, upon the approval of the speaker of the senate and/or the speaker of the house of representatives, shall be paid through the office of legislative administration.

SECTION 2. There are appropriated sums sufficient to the Department of Education from federal funds awarded to the department pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provides \$4.35 billion for the Race to the Top Fund, a competitive grant program designed to encourage and reward states that are creating the conditions for education innovation and reform; achieving significant improvement in student outcomes, including making substantial gains in student achievement, closing achievement

gaps, improving high school graduation rates and ensuring student preparation for success in college and careers; and implementing ambitious plans in four core education reform areas.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated the sum of \$6,000,000 (non-recurring) to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville to create a new energy sciences and engineering program to promote the appointment of University of Tennessee faculty members as researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

SECTION 4. There is appropriated a sum sufficient to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide the funding for any act relative to workers compensation which receives final passage during the extraordinary session.

SECTION 5. There are appropriated sums sufficient to the appropriate entities to provide the first year's funding for any act which receives final passage during the extraordinary session.

SECTION 6. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.